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M a c r o o m T o w n C o u n c i l

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At a special meeting of Macroom Town Council on 11th November 2013, the following motion was adopted and requested to be sent to all Local Authorities, Elected members of both houses of the Oireachtas, Secretary of the Constitutional Convention and the Office of Uachtaran na h'Eireann Michael D. O hUiginn whose signature is required to put the legislation into law.

"That Macroom Town Council calls on the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, members of Dáil Eireann and Seanad Eireann that in the light of recommendations published on Wednesday October 30th 2013 by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, part of the Council of Europe which states that Ireland needs greater Constitutional Protection for Local Government and it is failing to protect Local Democracy and the continued centralisation of power and decision making at National Level, instead of greater devolution to local communities."

That the draft Local Government Reform bill issued on the 17th October 2013 should now be referred to the Constitutional Convention so that a discussion can take place on the issues raised by the Council of Europe which runs entirely contrary to the key principals of the European Charter for Local Self Government which was ratified by Ireland on the 14th May 2002.

Yours faithfully,


Susan Murphy
Town Clerk